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The date on the slip on which your name is printed, tells when your subscription runs out. Keep an eye on it.

CRITTENDEN'S PLAN.

Senator Crittenden yesterday presented his plan of adjustment, which is substantially a re-enactment of the Missouri Compromise. We infer from Mr. Crittenden's remarks that he desires it to be understood, on general confidence principles that slavery shall have the territory south of 36 deg. 30 min. This seems to us a quack remedy—no less than staving off an important settlement a few years longer, merely for lack of courage to meet it now. Whatever is done, let us have nothing which is unable to stand alone, but requires bracing up with private understandings and the assurances of gentlemen.

ILLINOIS.

The Illinois delegation in the House of Representatives, yesterday, performed a manly and pritriotic duty, in assembling together and resolving that *the Union must and shall be preserved.* The vote was unanimous, although Mr. Lovejoy and Mr. Morris were, for some reason, absent. There is no ground for doubting that they would have agreed entirely with their colleagues on this point, if they had been present. This, we repeat, is a good beginning. The position they have taken is the one already assumed by the entire State. It is one in which they will be bravely supported by 1,700,000 people' whenever such support becomes necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The small-pox has prevailed over the disunionists, and the South Carolina Convention has incontinently fled from Columbia. Several members were apprehensive lest the stampede should be effected at the cost of their dignity—in fact, they feared that outside barbarians would laugh at them! But the majority in favor of immediately seceding from Columbia was overwhelming.

Previous to the adjournment a brisk debate sprang up on a motion to refer the question of an Ordinance to a Committee—one party desiring to place the *whole* business of the Convention in the hands of such a Committee, and the other favoring the appointment of several committees to consider the various details of secession.—

This is the first open manifestation of two hostile sections in the Palmetto State, one of which goes straight for monarchical theories and the other for a semblance of democratic institutions. It is not exactly clear which party carried its point, but we infer from the dispatches that the monarchists were successful.

The Kansas Aid Meeting.

The meeting at Metropolitan Hall last evening, though not large from the inclemency of the weather, gave important and valuable results in systematizing efforts and perfecting organization in aid of the Kansas sufferers. Peter Page, Esq., presided, and Rev. Robert Collyer acted as Secretary. On motion of Mr. E. B. McCagg and C. Bentley were reported as Committee on organization, who report the following names of gentlemen to act as a Central Committee for this county; Messrs. Evans, Orrington Lunt, Peter Page, Cyrus Bentley and A. G. Throop. This Committee have power to appoint Ward and Local Committees, and to investigate the claims of all who visit this city to solicit collections in behalf of Kansas. Several speeches were made by Messrs. Page, Collyer, Bliss, McCagg, Merrill, Airey, Lake and Chester. By some of these the necessity was strongly urged of the Committee in question exercising thoroughly the last named purpose of their appointment, in subjecting to a thorough scrutiny every person claiming to act as an agent of the Territorial Committee.

This is all very proper, provided people do not starve while Dr. Evans and his associates are investigating particular cases, of which we entertain no fear. "Let them go to work systematically, and with the vigor which the exigency demands, and let the people respond promptly, each as God has prospered him.

PROJECT TO CAPTURE FORT MOULTRIE.

The Garrison to be Sacrificed.

THE CHARLESTONIANS ERECTING HOSTILE BATTERIES.

The following letter, from the wife of an officer stationed at Fort Moultrie, is calculated to send a thrill through the heart of every American. We have no time to comment upon it, but we fear President Buchanan and his Secretary of War are storing up a terrible retribution for themselves and those who control the public conduct they encourage.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

FORT MOULTRIE, Dec. 11, 1860.

Dear ——: I feel too indignant. I am mortified that we are in the attitude we are. Such little garrison is treated by the heads of the government. Troops and proper accommodation are positively refused, and the Charleston people dare orders to hold and defend the fort. Was ever *such a sacrifice* (an intentional one) known? The Secretary has sent several officers at different times to inspect the forts, and report what it is a mere sham, to make believe he will do something. In the meantime a crisis is very near. I am to go to Charleston the first of the week. I will not go farther if I can help it.

"Within a few days we hear—and from so many sources that we cannot doubt it—that the Charlestonians are erecting two batteries, one just opposite us, at a little village, Mount Pleasant, and another on the end of this island; and they dare the Commander to interfere while they are getting *ready to fight sixty men.* In this week a little fort 3 surprised President Buchanan and Secretary Floyd intend the Southern Confederacy to be cemented with the blood of this brave little garrison.

"These lines should be handed down to the end of time.

"When the last man is shot down, I presume they will think of sending troops. The soldiers here deserve great credit—though they have an unequal number to contend with—for the manner they conduct themselves. Now, dear ——, good-by. Write me often. Direct to Fort Moultrie, Charleston, S. C.

"Your affectionate SISTER."

General Scott on Secession.

[Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Evening Post.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

General Scott has given the President an elaborate opinion in reference to the present condition of the country, and the course to be taken, and what should be done in view of possible contingencies. He deprecates secession, as he says his own State of Virginia to pause and bear fills she has no rather than secede, as she knows not of. But if secession occurs, he says, it will result not in the formation of two, but four distinct nationalities. The first, he says, as I recollect, as follows: New York, New England, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. Except what I will next mention, as one; the second will consist of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Western Virginia, and along down the Blue Ridge, taking in Western Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas. The third will consist of South Carolina, Georgia, East Florida, Eastern Virginia, perhaps, Maryland and Delaware. The Pacific States will constitute the fourth. Good picture!

The General treats the expulsion of the grain-growing States of the West from a direct communication with the Gulf of Mexico, as an impossibility. They will have free course to go down the Mississippi, and will insist upon Pensacola as a naval depot.

The General also gives an elaborate statement of the disposition of the military forces of the nation, and the condition and position of the fortified places. It is an important paper, and ought to be published.

Session Excitement in Texas and Filibuster Excitement in Honduras.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Advices from Brownsville to the 13th state that meetings were being held the Rio Grande, requesting Gov. Houston to convene the Legislature. The feeling of revenge is very strong.

Numerous advices say that great excitement existed at Rosalez, Tuxtillo and Comoza, in consequence of the report that a number of men had arrived at Russian supposed to be filibusters. A war steamer, with a schooner in tow, left Vera Cruz on the 10th, for the scene of excitement.

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Advertisements.

SALE.—Whereas, ... and Mary C. his wife, did on ... 18, ... and deliver to ... to secure their certain moneys ... day and year aforesaid, and ... office of Cook County, Illinois, ... pages 276, and did there ... Jacob W. Ludlam the power ... upon the payment of four cer... therein particularly mentioned, ... defeasible and by said mortgage, ... in the payment of said bonds, ... interest, was made, the whole of ... said bonds become due and pay... said W. Ludlam, his heirs, exec... after twenty days no... default in the city of Chicago, ... no notice, the said power to sell ... redemption of the said premi... mortgage, therein, And, whereas, ... made in the payment of two of ... interest on three thereof. Now, ... is hereby given, that the un... Ludlam and Mary Ludlam, de... of said mortgage, by virtue of ... power to sell contained in said ... will on Saturday, the 29th ... A. D. 1860, at 10 o'clock in the fore... at the north door of the Court House ... of Chicago and State of Illinois, ... sell to the highest bidder for cash, ... said deeds of land situate in the ... village of Lake, in the county of ... and State of Illinois, known and ... Lot number seven (7) and ... number sixty-seven (67) in Town... Evanston, as the same surveyed and ... recorded in the recorder's office ... book, together with the hereditaments ... appurtenances thereto belonging, ... the said mortgage, to pay the said ... thereby.

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IRA SCOTT,
Deputy of the Superior Court of Chicago.

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TGAGEE'S SALE.—Whereas ... and Mary M. Hassell, his wife, by ... City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, ... their certain deed of trust, bearing date the second day of ... 1859, to secure the payment of a certain ... for seventeen hundred and fifty dollars, ... even date therewith, given by the said ... Hassell for the sum of seventeen hundred ... and fifty dollars, payable two years after the date thereof, ... of Boston, Massachusetts, which said deed of ... was duly recorded in the Recorder's office ... County, State of Illinois, on the 3d day of ... A. D. 1859, and whereas default has been ... the payment of the installment of interest due ... second day of January, A. D. 1860, and ... default in the payment of the principal and ... due the second day of January, A. D. 1860, ... possible notice is hereby given, that I, ... Trustee named therein, will, on the second ... of January, A. D. 1861, at the north door of the Court House, in the City of Chicago, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lot of land, to wit: Lot number eight (8) in Block number two (2) in Canal Trustees' subdivision of the south fractional quarter of section number thirty-three (33), in Township number thirty-nine (39) north of range fourteen east of the third principal meridian, all of said property situated in Cook County and State of Illinois.

EPHRAIM INGALLS, Trustee.
CHICAGO, Dec. 3, 1860.

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EE'S SALE.—Whereas, ... bond day of August, A. D. 1859, James ... Chicago, Ill., by their ... bearing date on the day and year ... duly acknowledged and recorded ... Recorder's Office of Cook County, Illinois, ... book No. 173 of Deeds, on Page 98, ... the former bound the said James Bowen ... pay to the said Jacob W. Ludlam, ... sum of two thousand dollars, in one year ... date thereof, with interest thereon from the ... at the rate of ten per cent per annum, ... which said mortgage default has been made ... payment of said notes and interest, ... the payment of said notes has been ... the said mortgage is now due, and ... of the premises conveyed, or ... portion of the premises described in said deed ... of trust, in the event of default in ... of the principal or interest, as aforesaid, ... to sell at public auction, to the highest ... for cash, the premises described in said deed ... of trust (shall on saturday the 29th day ... A. D. 1860, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the north door of the Court House ... of Chicago and State of Illinois, ... sell to the highest bidder for cash, ... said deeds of land, situate in the village ... Lake, in the county of Cook and State ... Illinois, known as Lot number seven (7) ... number sixty-seven (67) in Town... Evanston, as the same surveyed and ... recorded in the recorder's office ... book, together with the hereditaments ... appurtenances thereto belonging, ... the said mortgage, to pay the said ... thereby.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Probable Failure of the Cliate Committee.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, P. M.

London is known as the city of fogs, and Washington should be called the city of parties and crises. We average two big ones a day besides several little ones thrown in to keep the pot boiling. The Dunn resolution went off like a musket that does as much execution at the breach as at the muzzle—it kicked back badly—scaring the Republicans and frightening the Senators. The latter have been proclaiming that the North did not seriously intend to entertain any measure of conciliation. The wish was father to the thought, and when the Dunn resolution was passed the fire-eaters were thunder-struck, lest something might be proposed that would arrest the disunion epidemic sweeping through the slave States. At the same time the Republicans outside the Committee were fearful that the resolution looked to a surrender of the Territories to slavery, and other ruinous and humiliating concessions. But it was amusing to see the alarm depicted upon the countenances of the Disunionists, lest the North should remove their offended grievances, and adopt the Baltimore-Breckinridge platform. These men are resolved to leave the Union; they are opposed to being conciliated; they do not want their demands to be complied with. They insist upon a revision of the Constitution, giving to slavery unheard of guarantees, because that places the remedy beyond the power of Congress to administer, knowing full well that the people of the Free States will indignantly refuse to make such sacrifices of their rights. These men are dreaming of founding a great slaveholding empire, extending from the mouth of the Chesapeake to the Oronoco—taking in Mexico and Central America and the Islands of the Gulf. Slave-codes for our present territories and more stringent Fugitive Slave laws are matters of small cons quence in the eyes of the Utopian gentlemen, who are after a "big thing." They want to get clear of the shocks and restraints thrown around them in a union with free States. If the cotton States are allowed to secede the form of government is to be monarchical. The States are to be stripped of their sovereignty and reduced to provinces. A centralized form of government on the model of France is to be adopted. A large standing army will be organized, to put down servile insurrections, and to crush any democratic manifestations that the niggerless whites may attempt. A President will first be elected for ten years, then for life, then crowned Emperor with a titled nobility, an aristocracy, gentry, poor white serfs, and African slaves. These will constitute the grades of society. A censorship will be established over the press, pulpit, and schoolmaster, and slavery and monarchy will be set up and worshipped as institutions emanating from on high. Africa will be annually drained of half a million of new slaves, to take the place of those worn out and destroyed, and to extend over new soils, as rapidly as masters can be found to take charge of them. Every disunion leader is a party to this programme. They have therefore determined to make the Union unendurable to the Free States, if they are forced to stay in it, and if they are let out, a government of the sort here described they will attempt to inaugurate.

The belief now generally prevails, that no measure of a conciliatory character will be framed that the Secessionists will touch. The Crisis Committee had a long session yesterday, but came to no conclusion. The Republicans were asked whether they would give up the Territories to slavery to "save the Union," and they replied NEVER! They were asked next if they would consent to a peaceable secession. They replied that Lincoln's administration would enforce the laws and collect the public revenues at all the ports South as well as North. "Will you resist their decision," answered the Fire-Eaters, "and wage war against you?" "Very well, if you think you "can whip Uncle Sam, try it. Your experiment may make you wiser though sadder men."

From all this your readers will perceive that it is idle for the North to offer any terms of pacification, short of unconditional surrender to the slave power. Indeed, Wigfall declared in his two days speech, that the Free States must not only give up the Territories to slavery, catch all runaway niggers, or pay for them, allow slaveholders to bring their slaves with them into the North, concede that the Constitution recognizes property in the bodies and souls of men, (that was his language,) but having done all this, "you must," he said, "change Northern sentiment, *ergo to call slavery a wrong.* You shall not permit men to make speeches against slavery within "your borders. You shall not publish papers "and pamphlets, or preach sermons, or make "stump speeches against our peculiar institution. You *shall not*—that's the word I choose "to use."

The whole tone and language of Wigfall's speech was insolent, violent and insulting, but evidently reflects the sentiments and feelings of the slave-drivers of the Cotton States.

The Fire-Eaters publicly gave out that the following States are determined to secede on the days named, unless they conclude to keep their Conventions in session until that of Georgia meets, which is on the 5th of January, when they will all go out together:

SOUTH CAROLINA—Convention meets December 17; will retire from the Confederacy December 18.

ALABAMA—Convention meets January 7; retires January 10.

MISSISSIPPI—Convention meets January 7; retires January 10.

FLORIDA—Convention meets January 3: and will probably retire with Alabama and Mississippi.

It is expected that Arkansas and Texas will not be long behind them.

The various fire and military companies of this city have been holding meetings, and with great unanimity have pledged themselves to stand by the Union, the stars and stripes, to the bitter end, and to aid in putting down and crushing any treasonable scheme to the "Cockade Minute-Men" to prevent Lincoln's inauguration. That such a purpose is on foot there is little doubt; but it will be met with crushing force. Gen. Cass's resignation is producing great excitement, and is damaging the disunionists terribly. CHICAGO.

A New Map of the Northwest.

In this age of map-making, when maps of all countries, States and cities, and of every size and kind are being published, and few or none of them of any real benefit, as they barely show the outlines of the places they claim to represent. We are pleased with a new map now about being published by R. Farmer & Co., of Detroit. The work shows the whole of Michigan and Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and a large portion of Iowa and Minnesota. It is compiled from the United States surveys, and shows the town and section lines; the marshes, swamps and prairies; the roads, railroads, cities and towns and villages; the counties, and distances and soundings of the Lakes; the mining region, with location of mines, course of the veins, elevation of the hills are shown with wonderful accuracy. The work will commend itself to the patronage of every man engaged in railroading or lumbering, and to any one dealing in real estate we think the work will be invaluable. To business men, of all classes, it will be valuable, as showing the position of Chicago in its addition to the great lakes. In point of fact it is a public benefit, and should receive a hearty support even in these times, as it is a work of high and intrinsic worth, and will be a valuable appendage to every hotel and office in the city. An agent of the publishers is now canvassing for subscribers and will show a specimen of the work. Let every one examine into its merits and act accordingly.

LOOK OUT FOR TEETH.—It is said that mendicants are thickly traversing the city with assorts of pleas, prominent among which figures the Lotty Light disaster. Add none such, but unless you can give personal attestation to the investigation, refer them to some one of our organized city charities. For Taking care that it be one you have a deposit with, to draw against. All our charitable citizens should select some regularly instituted almoner for the donations at this season demanded by the condition of our city poor.

THE CITY.

New Year's Address.

$35 will be paid by the DAILY TRIBUNE for the best written New Year's Address, of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty lines, to be sent in by the 26th of December. Rejected addresses returned if desired. Address

S. B. BRACKETT,
Tribune office, Chicago.

FIRE ON THE WEST SIDE.—A small slaughter house was burned on West Madison street Yesterday morning. Loss trifling.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.—Everything promises well for a brilliant observance of the Pilgrim Anniversary at the Tremont House, on December 23d.

CITY MORTALITY FOR OCTOBER.—The total number of deaths in this city last month was 149, against 160 of last year for the same period, divided as follows: West Division 65, South 48, North 34. Not stated 2.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was sullen and sulky, and last night gave us rain in right good earnest. We had not much of winter to lose, but what little there was went into liquidation.

THE BENCH CASE—COMPLETE REPORT.—At half-past ten to-day, Messrs. McNally & Co., 81 Dearborn street, will receive the complete report of this celebrated trial, including a history of the case, arguments of counsel and *all the testimony.* Price only twenty-five cents.

CLOSING SALE.—The closing sale of those fine oil paintings, which have been exhibited at the salesroom of Gilbert & Sampson, will be made this evening at 7 o'clock. All who have not supplied themselves will find this a good opportunity of doing so.

BRIDEWELL KEEPER.—Ira Colman, for a long time on the City Police, and Fire Policeman, has succeeded William Justice in the post of City Bridewell Keeper. Mr. Justice has been an excellent and popular officer for years past, and we are assured that he leaves the Bridewell in good condition and good hands.

RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE.—We are informed that Prof. A. S. Hudson has resigned the chair of Physiology and Pathology in the Rush Medical College of this city. The duties of the chair are being discharged by other members of the Faculty for the present. There are about 120 students now in attendance upon College lectures.

THE SKATING PONDS.—A correspondent is down on the skating ponds for drawing off the head of water. One at least, of these ponds has a steam pump drawing an independent supply from the lake, and for the rest it may be urged as a very good use of the water. The whole subject is safe with the Water Commissioners.

IMMUTABILITY.—Biggins says our merchants cannot be called flighty. Why, says he to us, in the agony of his spirit and a current one dollar bill he could not use, "They never *change.*" He avers he tried it all day yesterday, and bought figs and cigars *ad libitum*, and they preferred to let him "call in again," rather than break his magic $1. It gave Biggins an enlarged idea of the almighty dollar, this specie mania in mercantile circles.

THE CONDEMNATION OF NORTH STREET.—The matter of condemning a portion of North street on the West Side to the use of a private warehouse is still in agitation, and during the interim of settling the question several thousands yards of earth have been removed. This is very annoying to the whole business in injury to many property owners. The street should and must be restored to its former condition, and all warehousemen must purchase outright the ground their business requires.

MRS. BOSTWICK'S CONCERT.—The excellent and pleasing concert at Bryan Hall last evening well deserved a larger audience. It could not have had one more appreciative and better satisfied. The gifted vocalist and her fair assistants gave a better programme and better executed than many that have been given by imported artists. It was unfortunate that the inclemency of the evening did much to diminish the attendance upon a treat our public have accepted as of rare value.

At the request of the audience the concert will be repeated on Thursday evening, and many of our city readers will be the gainers by this second presentation.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD—REVISED TIME CARD.—The Michigan Central Railroad time card has been revised as follows, and took effect on Monday:

GOING WEST.

Leave Detroit 7 A. M. Arrive Kalamazoo 2:05 A. M.
Leave Detroit 10:35 A. M. Ar. Chicago 11:00 P. M.
Leave Detroit 9:30 P. M. Arrive Chicago 10:30 A. M.

GOING EAST.

Leave Chicago 6 A. M. Arrive Detroit 6 P. M.
Leave Chicago 9:30 A. M. Arrive Detroit 6:15 A. M.
Leave Chicago 4:55 P. M. Arrive Detroit 4:30 P. M.
Leave Jackson 8:10 A. M. Arrive Detroit 9:45 A. M.

The 7 A. M. train from Detroit carries the mail west as far as Kalamazoo, whence it is taken forward by the train leaving Detroit at 10:35 A. M. The mail westward are conveyed on the train leaving Chicago at 6:00 A. M.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Yesterday, in this Court, matters were developed given in fish elsewhere. In addition to the other business of the term, a second indictment has been found by the special Grand Jury against J. W. Bissell, for soliciting the commission of a felony, in the alleged attempt to procure the burning of the Rock Island Railroad Bridge. The Grand Jury have been discharged, and Bissell awaits bail.

George Horton, formerly a news dealer on Van Buren street bridge, has been convicted of the attempt to commit rape on a little German girl. He received a term of three years in the Penitentiary.

Lafayette Cornell was yesterday convicted of larceny of $600, at Ulich's hotel, some months since. The money was deposited with the barkeeper of the hotel, and Cornell obtrined it on false representations.

The Belanger case is detailed elsewhere. The prisoners are to be sentenced this morning, when the Court will adjourn for the term.

RASCALITIES.—A man named Emil Zeller was held to bail yesterday morning by Justice Akin, for larceny on Monday evening of a horse and buggy, belonging to Wright Smith. The team was left standing in the street for a few moments, when Zeller made off with it, and when arrested was trying to effect a horse trade.

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The Chicago *Democrat* has been persistent in its attacks upon the Recorder's Court and its officers, at times rising to the pitch of charging upon Recorder Wilson and District Attorney Haven crimes against public justice which if sustained should place both of them at the bar for trial and sentence. That neither of them has been the sufferer from these charges, always made more by insinuation than with directness and detail, seems a sufficient proof that the foundation in fact has been lacking.

In the *Democrat* of Monday morning an editorial of some length, and possessed of most characteristic features, closed with the following paragraph:

Recorder Wilson is represented as insinuating what he knows to be false, that the present administration protects gamblers. If he knows of any gamblers in this city it is his duty to have them brought to justice, and he criminates himself when he insinuates that there are any such. If there are no gamblers, then he has insinuated a falsehood. He can take either horn of the dilemma he pleases.

Whether the article in question was intentionally to preface and prejudice in a trial set down in the Recorder's Court for yesterday, we leave our readers to imagine. The case itself in its developments incident to the progress of the hearing, we have deemed of sufficient importance to present in full as reported verbatim for our columns.

The case of the People *vs.* John G. Belange, who was indicted at the April term last for keeping a gaming house in the city, came up and was disposed of in the following manner:

It will be remembered that Belange was indicted at the same term with George Trussell and others. Belange at the time left the city and went to Milwaukee; but having some business to attend to here, came forward and gave bail in the sum of $500; was defaulted, and at the present term Belange appeared and plead guilty. The counsel of Belange claimed that the defendant kept his gambling room with the knowledge of the present Mayor, and with an understanding that if complaint should be made against him he was first to be notified; and if *arrested* would have a friend "in Court;" and that this arrangement was made upon consideration that Belange and the other gamblers would make up a pony purse to be used to secure the election of the present Mayor. The Court said he would hear any proof that might be offered.

The defendant then proceeded to produce the following testimony;

TESTIMONY OF C. R. BARKER.

CHARLES R. BARKER, called by the defendant, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q.—Are you acquainted with *Mr. Willard*—Do you know Mr. Belange?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Do you know Mr. Barney Nellis?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Do you know a man they call John Wentworth?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is Mr. Wentworth the present Mayor of this city, elected at the last municipal election?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—State whether you were the bearer of any message or overtures from Mr. Wentworth to Mr. Nellis in regard to his election?

A.—I was.

Q.—State what it was?

A.—Mr. Wentworth and I had a conversation in regard to it; he asked me why the gamblers were down on him; he understood they were going for Gurnee; I told him I didn't know why there down on him; he said he never troubled the gamblers, and he didn't see how they could—unless there were complaints made against them, and if there were complaints made against them, why he should let them run; he said he didn't get out of their way, why, of course, he should do his duty.

By Mr. Willard—If they didn't lay up their traps and walk it was their own fault?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Mr. Clarke—Wait a moment! He said he didn't intend to trouble gamblers unless there were complaints made against them, and then what?

A.—Then, of course, he would observe the injury to many property owners. The street should and must be restored to its former condition, and all warehousemen must purchase outright the ground their business requires.

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At the request of the audience the concert will be repeated on Thursday evening, and many of our city readers will be the gainers by this second presentation.

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George Horton, formerly a news dealer on Van Buren street bridge, has been convicted of the attempt to commit rape on a little German girl. He received a term of three years in the Penitentiary.

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THE COURT—Have you ever, since that time, been troubled by the police in your business?

MR. WELLAND—Or your peregrinations?

A.—Well, sir, we never have seen any about there, sir.

Q.—MR. HAVEN—When he gets through, I want to ask one or two questions.

COURT—Ask them.

Q.—Was this Indictment found before or after the election?

MR. WIL

Chicago Tribune.

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WHAT SHALL BE DONE!

There is not a day in which we do not receive letters from well meaning but timid friends asking What Shall be Done? We have endeavored, once or twice, to answer this frequently propounded inquiry; but as it still continues we reply again, as before, NOTHING! What can be done by the Republicans? we ask in turn. They do not want to secede and break up the government. They do not want any amendments to the Constitution; or if in their opinion any are necessary for the maintenance of the rights of citizens of the North, when in the South, they do not ask for them now. They have no concessions to offer—no bargains to make. They propose to submit to the Constitution as it is, to abide by its compromises, to execute the laws in all sections of the country, and to protect all citizens in their constitutional rights. They stand on safe, sound, conservative, and eminently national ground. Will any one tell us where, if that be abandoned, we shall find refuge—where the country can be rallied for the support of the Union, if not on the platform that the people have approved? The nation has just repudiated Douglasism by a majority that tells its own story, and the dogmas of the Breckinridge men, by majorities twice or thrice as great. Do we believe that the people of this Republic are fools and do not know what they want—that they vote to-day, and before the ballots are counted out, repent of their act because South Carolina blusters or Alabama fumes? If they are sane and earnest men, why insult them in the hour of triumph, by insisting that they shall, under a threat, adopt and incorporate into the Constitutions either of the two political systems that they have voted down?

No, friends, nothing is to be done except to stand firm, to use conciliatory but decided language to all who are dissatisfied with the result at which the people have arrived; to insist upon the preservation of the Constitution and the Union at all hazards; and to encourage in each other the cultivation of the sentiment and idea of liberty, in obedience to the restraints and limitations of law. That's all; and if we do that with an united and declared purpose, this secession blast will soon blow out, not without having redounded greatly to the glory of the Republican cause, and the progress of freedom in the land.

That's the ground on which we stand, and where we intend to remain. It is that which the Republican party occupies to-day; and as sure as God is just, it cannot abandon it without being demoralized and destroyed. We beg all compromisers who have set about neutralizing the people's verdict, either by agreement among parties, by acts of Congress, or tinkering the Constitution, to count us out of their arrangements.

EXPECTED EFFECTS.

It is proposed by Mr. John Cochrane of New York, among others, to restore the Missouri Compromise line and extend it to the eastern boundary of California, and to amend the Constitution in such a way that all territory south of that line shall, not may, be slave territory. This proposition is now most earnestly advocated by those who were the fiercest for the Nebraska bill in 1854, whereby the Compromise of 1820 was overthrown. Our Washington correspondent points out, so clearly that all may see the difference between the scheme which has just been hatched, and the Compromise which the Democratic party destroyed. We refer the reader to his letter printed herewith, while we state an objection which will come home to all men of peace, with great force.

The South is essentially and, her statesmen say, necessarily, aggressive. She demands what her politicians call expansion. Slavery is wasteful and ruinous. It curses the soil that it occupies and makes must have, if the system is to be maintained and enlarged in accordance with the ideas of those who sustain it, room to spread. Draw a line, then, across this continent, south of which freedom can make no contest for the possession of the soil, and the struggle for the acquisition of more territory would instantly begin. All former raids into Cuba, Central America, Sonora and Mexico would be child's play compared with what a single year would develop. The temptation to increase the political power of the South, in the Senate, by the conquest and organization of new States, and the alluring prospect of more profitable lands to be overrun and worked out, would be irresistible; and the North would not be able to say Nay. The threats of dissolving the Union now held over Northern constituencies, would be renewed with the assurance, if we now give way, of unbounded success. Is the prospect alluring to any in the North?

WHAT NEXT!

After secession, what next? Suppose South Carolina (her delegates weathering the small-pox panic), declares herself out of the Union to-morrow. Suppose Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas follow her bad example as fast as possible, and all vote themselves independent before the adjournment of Congress. Suppose the Federal government commits the incredible crime of recognizing and tolerating the treasonable step. What next?

We have expressed in no doubtful terms the opinion that war would be the next thing in order. We have advised our readers that "peaceable secession" is a contradiction of terms—as contradictory as peaceable fighting, or amiable bloodshed. Entertaining this view it is not unpleasant to find like opinions gaining ground among our Democratic contemporaries. Here is the clearly pronounced belief of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, the most influential Democratic organ in the Northwest, taken from its issue of the 10th inst.:

"In the wake of disunion, not far in the distance, may be seen civil war, insurrection, foreign interference and conquest, anarchy and strife, culminating at last in military and political despotism. We have all the elements existing among us of these terrible national ills, *and it only needs the withdrawal of Federal to Union from the scene to hasten them into full and dreadful activity.* The dangers of collision are to be found in that affection of feeling which can alone overthrow the Government, in the questions which will arise as to the disposition to be made of the common Territories and property belonging to the Union, acquired by its blood and treasure, in the navigation of its rivers and lakes, and in the treatment of its slave population. If the Cotton States withdraw from the Union, will they abandon their claim to the Territories, the persisting in which has been one of the great causes of dissolution, and relinquish all their right and title to the immense domain? Will they assume their part of the national debt? How will they treat the persons and property of those who remain in the old Confederation? How will our people, so long accustomed to free trade between the States, submit to the annoyance, vexations and expenses of restrictive tariffs, which will meet them, on every hand, wherever they go?

"These subjects, in their nature and character, would be difficult to be disposed of by negotiation, and would, we fear, *be submitted to the full arbitrament of the sword.*"

What next? The fell arbitrament of the sword having interposed, what is to be the end? The superior strength of the North in men, money, ships, provisions, and munitions of war, must finally tell in favor of the North, however long the conflict might be maintained. Both parties would be more or less exhausted and impoverished; each would have orphans and cripples enough to employ its charities during one generation—and the sod would be just what the beginning should have been, or something much worse. Either the geography of the Union would be fully restored, or the South would be a despoiled and conquered province.—We are not prepared to say that slavery would not be utterly abolished in the turmoil; that the horrors of insurrection would not be added to the horrors of war. It would not be our duty to keep down the slave population while the masters were fighting us.

Does not every consideration which should influence men point to a firm maintenance of the supremacy of the Constitution at the outset? If war is to follow disunion why not crush disunion at the start? It is sometimes an advantage to hold a man at so close quarters that he cannot strike you. It is most manifestly an advantage to so treat the secession movement that it cannot rise from the impotence of rebellion to the dignity of war.

IS IT A MONARCHY?

In one of our Washington letters, we are told that the real purpose of the Secessionists is to set up a monarchy in the seceding States. "A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* reiterates the assertion, and gives in advance a few of the titles of nobility which will be assumed by the Keitts, Chesnuts and Wigfalls of that region. He says:

Now, South Carolina, as the newspapers and its representatives inform us, is about to recede. The chief abettors of that movement talk openly of forming out of the present republican State a monarchical Kingdom or government, or, at least, an aristocratic oligarchy, outvying in oppressive and illiberal measures even the British aristocracy. Their decrees, recently introduced into the Legislature at Columbia, prescribes that only persons owning fifty acres of land, or in value corresponding to ten lots, shall be entitled to vote. If this election law should be adopted, there will hardly be 10,000 persons in the whole State entitled to vote, and popular suffrage will be less universal than in England.

They also talk of electing a Governor and Senators for life, and members of the Legislature for no less than seven years. Others advocate openly the formation of a monarchy, and it is not improbable that some of the leading fire-eaters are dreaming already now of being hereafter kings or princes of the great kingdom of South Carolina, whilst the smaller ones perhaps enjoy, in advance, the honors which will be conferred upon them, by titles of Marquis of Bonbon, or Count of Sugar Cane, Duke of Cotton and Lemonade, or Baron of Turpentine. Why should not South Carolina follow the example of Hayti, after having cast away republican institutions?

The fact is that these leading fire eaters desire to destroy the rights and liberties of the people of their own State, because they are afraid that, if the people of South Carolina come to realize the fruits of secession, and are still possessed of the freedom which they now enjoy, they will throw these schemers and enemies of republican liberty and friends of despotism into the Atlantic.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Chronicle* of the 8th inst., in discussing the form of government that will be set up in the South when the Union is dissolved, talks out thus:

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HOME BALLADS, by JOHN G. WHITTIER. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co.

The friends of the "Quaker Poet" will welcome this beautiful little volume. His songs thrill the heart with the deepest emotions for truth and the right; while beneath the lash of his bitter, biting sarcasm, oppression slinks away, the object alike of pity and of scorn. Whittier has achieved an honorable position in the literature of his country.

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Dunn's Back-down Resolution—Its Effect—The Compromise Schemes—Case's Resignation and Buchanan's Treason.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

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The "Crisis Committee" of Thirty-three have held four sittings. All sorts of projects have been submitted to them, and various propositions have been presented and discussed, emanating from the committee itself. The Northern members are disposed to adopt any basis of accommodation that does not require a surrender of vital principles, or a betrayal of the rights of their constituents. But the slaveholding members will listen to nothing short of the Breckinridge platform, with additions to it. They say the Union can only be saved by the Republicans and Douglas Democrats abandoning their platforms. The one must give up their popular sovereignty, and the other, congressional protection of slavery. But a slave code for the Territories is only one of their demands. They insist upon the right of taking their slaves into the Free States, when on business or pleasure, and making the State in which any of them may escape liable in damages for the loss. They also ask for a more vigorous Fugitive Slave law, with money indemnity for the slaves which are not returned. And they particularly insist—making it, in fact, a *sine qua non*—that the North shall concede that slaves are recognized as property by the Constitution; that property in them does exist by virtue of that instrument. They will not even be satisfied that the foregoing exactions shall be enacted by Congress as laws and joint resolutions, but that they must be incorporated into the Constitution as a part of the fundamental law of the land.

The symptoms of wavering manifested by public meetings in the Eastern States and cities, have greatly emboldened the secessionists during the last few days. They were firm, ply believe that the North is giving way under the financial pressure. A few more turns of the screw; a little more fuel added to panic flames, they fully believe will bring the Free States to their knees, and cause them to surrender at discretion. Hence, they are growing bolder, and to-day are putting on airs of the most supercilious kind. The political atmosphere of Washington city is of the most pestilential description. Northern members, after breathing it awhile, are liable to imagine, from their own state of feelings that a change of public sentiment is going on among their constituents. To this source may be traced several humiliating compromises made in the past, in which the interests were sacrificed to slaveholding rapacity. And at every session individual members fall victims to this same disease.

A singularly worded resolution passed the Crisis Committee of Thirty-three yesterday, with only half a dozen dissenting votes. It is difficult to tell exactly what it means, as it is susceptible of two or three constructions; but to my mind it indicates a purpose on the part of a majority of the Republicans of the committee to back down. I am reluctantly obliged to express this opinion. Those with whom I have conversed say that "it will do" no harm; that it was passed for the purpose "of gaining time, of giving the Southern conservatives a foothold, to enable them to stem "the tide sweeping over the South; and that "no action under it is contemplated which "will yield vital principles." The history of the resolution is thus related. The committee had been in session, when you like, into the reach the despotism of military chieftains, and finally be raised again to monarchy."

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The President Elect from an English Stand-Point.

[From the London Times, Nov. 26.]

The race of life is so interesting a subject, both to those who have succeeded in it and those who have been disappointed in it, that the adventurous career of the President elect of the United States, as the New York press describes it, is sure to attract much notice. It is put forward as a remarkable instance of what a man can do "under the influence of *American Institutions*" and so undoubtedly it is. We will only alter the phrase a little, and say that it is a remarkable instance of what a man can do in America in the absence of all institutions to check him. The favorite peculiarity of American institutions in Mr. Lincoln's case has been that they did not exist, that it has been the great institution of America not to have institutions in the sense in which we of the Old World have them. It is plain that our institutions, if they are a great assistance to society, are at the same time a great check to individuals. Our strongly and clearly marked professions entirely put it out of anybody's head that he should enter into them after a certain time of life and without a certain education.

The barrier is almost insuperable which an adventurer who approaches by a short cut has to cross. In America it is quite different. Mr. Lincoln was first a farmer, then a trader down the Mississippi, then a surveyor, then a lawyer, upon which last platform has risen the statesman and the President of the United States. Now, take a man of Mr. Lincoln's versatile and fertile mind, and this liberty of professional ascent is an enormous gain. It is everything to him. In Mr. Lincoln we have not your man of *one* talent. Your man of one talent may possess it to perfection, but he may spare himself the labors of ambition; he may be allowed to be born to be a drudge. Mr. Lincoln can do anything he sets his mind to, partly from natural pliability, partly by an immense power of fixing his attention on whatever is before him. He starts without even the common education of a village schoolboy; six weeks in a log-house school, when he was 16, was his first and last experience of a schoolmaster, but he is seen afterwards giving fifty minutes of fixed and absorbed attention out of his midday hour of relaxation, after some hastily swallowed mouthfuls, to his book. The consciousness of this power gives him confidence. He knows he can get up anything he likes. "The 'boys' catch him by the arm" and make him a militia captain out of a momentary freak, because he is the most popular and pleasant fellow in the "New Salem;" an ordinary man would beg to be excused a campaign against the "Black Hawks," but the aforesaid man at an instant accepts the command. It is with the same self-confidence that when his storehouse, owing to a fraudulent partner, fails him, and leaves him eleven hundred dollars in debt, he follows the bent which an accidental look into a book on surveying gives him. He knows he can make himself a surveyor in no time. Again, he knows he can make himself a lawyer, and accordingly a lawyer he becomes. We must add that he was a captain in the Mexican war, and a member of Congress, without having left a trace behind, and to-day are putting on of the most supercilious kind. The political atmosphere of Washington city is of the most pestilential description. Northern members, after breathing it awhile, are liable to imagine, from their own state of feelings that a change of public sentiment is going on among their constituents. To this source may be traced several humiliating compromises made in the past, in which the interests were sacrificed to slaveholding rapacity. And at every session individual members fall victims to this same disease.

A singularly worded resolution passed the Crisis Committee of Thirty-three yesterday, with only half a dozen dissenting votes. It is difficult to tell exactly what it means, as it is susceptible of two or three constructions; but to my mind it indicates a purpose on the part of a majority of the Republicans of the committee to back down. I am reluctantly obliged to express this opinion. Those with whom I have conversed say that "it will do "no harm; that it was passed for the purpose "of gaining time, of giving the Southern conservatives a foothold, to enable them to stem "the tide sweeping over the South; and that "no action under it is contemplated which "will yield vital principles." The history of the resolution is thus related. The committee had been in session, when you like, into the reach the despotism of military chieftains, and finally be raised again to monarchy."

Every day opens new evidences of the insanity, folly and criminality of the men who are plotting against the government.

MODEST PROPOSITION.

Northern men who imagine that the repeal of Personal Liberty Laws and a little miscellaneous dirt eating will turn back the secession tide, are invited to digest the following from the Charleston *Mercury*, in which the demands of the propagandists are stated:

"And what guarantees should satisfy the South? In my estimation, *nothing short of immediate to be the Constitution, that would make negro slavery legal and perpetual in every State of the Union, and upon every foot of territory that now belongs, or shall belong, to the United States.* It is not only possible, but probable, that such a reaction may take place in the public mind."

This, from a correspondent, is endorsed by the *Mercury* as sound doctrine. The world does move—backward.

WHAT A RAILROAD DID.

A few years ago, when the land grant was made to the Illinois Central Railroad Company act forbid that their State covered nearly as much ground as Connecticut. In part of this, the opponents of the scheme said the lands had no value unless they were peopled. The census just taken shows 814,891 souls in the forty-nine counties through which the Illinois Central Railroad runs; and of this number 479,293 have come in since 1830, being somewhat more than the entire population of good old Connecticut, which State, according to the late enumeration of its people, has but 460,000.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

THE DECISION OF THE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, RESPECTING PROMISSORY NOTES, PAYABLE WITH EXCHANGE.

We have at length been able to procure a copy of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of this State upon the subject, which we publish at length:

Supreme Court—State of Illinois. David H. Long, Plaintiff in Error, vs. George H. et al., Defendants in Error. Opinion of the Court.

The question is then presented, whether this instrument was admissible under the common counts without proving a consideration? Promissory notes, bills of exchange and sealed instruments, all import a consideration, and when they form the basis of an action a consideration need neither be averred or proved, but it is not so with other instruments. This instrument is not under seal, nor is it a bill of exchange. Was it a promissory note? That is defined to be "a promise or agreement in writing to pay a specified sum at a time therein limited, or on demand, or at sight, to a person therein named, or to his order, or to the bearer." Chit. on Bills, 318. Bayley on Bills, p. 4. defines a promissory note to be a written promise to pay money absolutely and at all events. And in the explanation of the bill, the doctor seems to be adhered to with entire unanimity, that a note or bill must be for a specific sum, or at least for a sum that may be ascertained by computation, independent of all other evidence. The instrument before us is

Chicago Tribune.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1860.

Daily Arrival and Departure of Mail Trains.

Trains Depart.	Mails Close.	Trains Arrive.
EAST.		
MICHIGAN SOUTHERN.		
8.00 a. m.	7.30 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
5.30 p. m.	4.45 p. m.	10.00 p. m.
MICHIGAN CENTRAL.		
6.00 a. m.	10.00 p. m.	10.30 a. m.
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PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO.		
8.30 a. m.	10.00 p. m.	8.00 a. m.
5.30 p. m.	4.45 p. m.	5.30 p. m.
SOUTH AND WEST.		
CHICAGO AND ROCK ISLAND.		
9.45 a. m.	8.00 a. m.	5.45 a. m.
11.45 p. m.	8.00 p. m.	5.15 p. m.
DIXON AIR LINE.		
11.40 a. m.	10.00 a. m.	4.10 a. m.
9.00 p. m.	No mail.	8.40 p. m.
ILLINOIS CENTRAL—BRANCH.		
9.15 a. m.	8.00 a. m.	5.00 a. m.
8.00 p. m.	6.30 p. m.	8.40 p. m.
BURLINGTON AND QUINCY.		
7.15 a. m.	4.00 a. m.	5.45 a. m.
11.40 p. m.	9.00 p. m.	8.15 p. m.
ALTON AND ST. LOUIS.		
9.15 a. m.	8.00 a. m.	5.00 a. m.
8.00 p. m.	7.30 p. m.	8.40 p. m.
NORTH AND WEST.		
GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION.		
11.40 a. m.	10.00 a. m.	3.45 a. m.
8.30 p. m.	7.00 p. m.	8.40 p. m.
NORTHWESTERN.		
12.30 p. m.	11.00 a. m.	6.30 a. m.
6.00 p. m.	4.30 p. m.	5.00 p. m.
MILWAUKEE.		
7.45 a. m.	4.00 a. m.	11.30 p. m.
12.30 p. m.	11.00 a. m.	5.00 p. m.

THE FARM AND GARDEN.

War Imminent—Prepare to Defend Your Homes—Look to Your Fire-sides—Invasion From the South—The Spies—an Independent States—What We Will Do—The War of Color.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

URBANA, Champaign Co., Dec. 17.

Farmers of Illinois, your homes are about to be invaded! Prepare to defend them, and to drive back the invader! Look to your arms! Gather up your resources and vindicate your honor!

THE VALUE OF MANURE.—Those of you who have large piles of manure about your barns, prepare to spread it upon your fields, for famine is hovering on your Southern and South-Western borders, and as good farmers you are in duty bound to drive back all such attacks on your resources. With plenty of manure on your corn fields and meadows, you will almost double your resources of defence. Do not we neglect this important arm of the public service. While the ground is partially frozen, the time is auspicious for this kind of work—the large heaps are not frozen through, and the slight crust can be easily broken up with a "crow-bar." Should you put this work off until spring the ground will be too soft, and you will be too busy to attend to it. It is therefore dangerous to delay. The frozen lumps should be spread out on the first warm days. It s not a good plan to leave it in piles, but it should be spread out at once, that the first rain may carry its minerals and gases into the soil.

THE WOOD PILE.—Now is also a good time to look after the wood pile, or so soon as your barnyards are well cleared. No good farmer should be seen hauling wood or preparing it for use after it is time to commence the farm work in the spring. If you have any corn to shell, put the cobs in a dry place for summer fuel, and with which to kindle fires. For coal fires dry cobs are especially valuable as kindling, much better than pine or paper, especially when you use patent kindling to ignite the cobs. Farmers who use coal, and purchase by railroad stations, should always purchase by the car load, for several reasons; it is cheaper, saves once handling of the coal, as it is loaded directly into the wagon from the car, and hence saves labor; and the breaking of the lumps, which, with our soft Illinois coal, is not desirable; and lastly, you will have a good stock on hand and will not have to get up your team in a hurry to get a load of coal.

DEMAND FOR CORN.—The demand for corn is steadily on the increase. Kansas and Missouri are calling for corn from the rich counties, and large purchases are being made for the Cotton States, along the L. C. R. R., and this drain must continue, not only for months but for years. With their short crop they will require all the more, and while making large preparations to whip the North, they must have something to eat. War is not only imminent, but the spies are even now lurking through the land, looking into well-filled corn bins, and passing their calculations to curious to make them disappear. A draft on New York—

"And by it this the charm unseen,
And silent buys a bin of corn."

Well, that is not exactly Pope, but as near as our memory will serve us to quote that illustrious writer. To come down to sober prose, thousands of "gunnys" (not cannon, mind you) are daily being filled with corn to go South by way of Cairo. This does not look much like ruin to the farmers of Central Illinois, and when navigation shall open on the Lakes we shall fire both ways. Well, we care not. We are fully prepared for an invasion both from the North and from the South at the same time. We are fully prepared—we have the supplies—the sinews of war. In this great contest between the North and the South, the farmers of the great Prairie State will stand an Independent empire and open their trade with both factions. The great corn year will be like a wall to each, and with this view we shall urge our farmers to take good care of the present crop; give up that slovenish way of leaving their corn in open cribs and to cover them up from the drenching rains of spring, which injure the grain for shipping. So that when the hurry of the South demands of us corn, that we can feed them good, sound, marketable corn, and when the loyal Northern citizens and shippers shall invade us and demand the yellow grain. Don't let us hear any more of "rotten corn," "not the real yarn," sweet, well cured article.

KEEP THE SOUTH SEPARATE.—In these times of excitement, color enters largely into the consideration of the subject, and it is but meet that we bow to public opinion as the great arbiter. Some buyers prefer white corn, some yellow, and others mixed. The millers of the North prefer the white, so do our dear friends of the South. The distiller and the feeder will take mixed, if it can be had two or three cents less on the bushel. With us, white corn commands twenty cents at this writing, pure yellow eighteen, and mixed seventeen. The farmers will do well to consider this question of color in planting the new crop. We therefore say to all, plant the different sorts seperate, so that you can please the taste of your customers.

RURAL.

Wendell Phillips on Mobs and Education.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.

An audience of thousands assembled at the Music Hall this forenoon to hear Wendell Phillips' discourse on Mobs and Education. An incipient fire caused some disturbance, the Chief of Police, with a numerous force, was present, and several military companies, acting under private orders from the authorities, were in readiness at their armories. The audience in the body of the Hall was composed of those usually attending Sabbath services there, and embracing an equal proportion of ladies. The galleries were crowded with men apparently strangers to the presence of Theodore Parker and those who succeed him.

Mr. Phillips spoke of mobs in general, and the mob which broke up the late John Brown meeting in particular. His remarks were distinguished by his usual eloquence of words in the denunciation of everything and everybody disagreeing with the utterances peculiar to himself. He spoke of the ignorance of the daily press of Boston, and the miserable insecurity of the city government. Under the meeting raised on the ruins of the John Brown Convention, received the full measure of the mob's speech. Under the second, he said no daily paper has uttered a word of hearty, fitting rebuke of the mob, and the daily papers were holding out despicable tools. The latter he held personally responsible for allowing the disgraceful attack upon peaceable citizens in Tremont Temple.

Mr. Phillips spoke nearly an hour and a half, and listened to with close attention, the meeting being interrupted occasionally by stamping and hisses.

At the close of the meeting a large crowd had gathered on the outside of the building, and on the appearance of Mr. Phillips a great rush was made, but whether with an intent of violence toward him is uncertain. His friends at once rallied, and with a large force of police escorted him to his residence in Essex street, a mob of several hundred pressing after, cheering and yelling. The mob for some time blocked up Washington and Essex street, stopping the street cars, and crowding the people miscellaneously. The cold weather and the urgent requirements of the police dispersed the crowd in about half an hour, and the usual Sabbath-day quiet was restored.

There were many contradictory statements, yesterday, in regard to the military; but is is a fact that several companies of the 3d regiment were notified to be in readiness, but their services were not called for. Private meetings have recently been held, and it is believed that an organization exists with the determination to prevent Mr. Phillips from speaking on any secular day or evening. Had the present occasion not been the Sabbath, little doubt exists but that a fearful riot would have ensued.

CLERICAL WIT.—Rochester (N. Y.) is blessed with a clergyman named Laurie, who is represented as being remarkably eloquent, successful and exceeding pious, as evidences of the latter quality, the following anecdote will be pertinent. A few weeks ago Mr. Laurie exchanged pulpits with Rev. E. H. Chapin of New York, and upon his rising to give out the opening hymn, many persons who had gone to church only to hear their favorite, reframed. Thereupon Mr. Laurie, hymn book in hand, paused, looked gravely around, and quietly remarked, "All those who came here to worship E. H. Chapin have now an opportunity to retire; and those who came to worship the Everlasting God will please unite in singing the following hymn." There was no further retiring until the service was concluded.

PUBLISHED FOR SELLING LIQUOR TO THE INDIANS.—Several men were brought to the city on Monday night and lodged in jail here, to spend a term for selling liquor to the Indians at all kinds of prices. They were tried before a "portable" U. S. Court, Judge Willard of Mankato presiding, as Commissioner, and Messrs. Bruner and M. C. Connor acting as Marshals, and bound over for their appearance at the next term of the U. S. District Court, Olive & Matthews and A. Yesler were bound over for appearance at Judge Nelson's court, for dealing in liquor in the Indian country, and confined at Fort Ridgely.—*St. Paul Press.*

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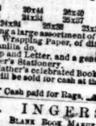

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Chicago Tribune.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1860.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 18, 1860.

The day has been drizzly and oppressive, and business has partaken of the general dullness. Eastern advices are merely nominal, and transactions of all kinds are confined to the narrowest limits. Of course when business is stagnant, the bankers get no paper for discount, and capital lies idle and useless. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are now locked up in our banks, ready to move the pork and provisions did not the deranged condition of financial and business matters render it dangerous for dealers to operate. It is to be hoped that the political storm will soon blow over; and trade will then accommodate itself to the wants of the country; the ratio between supply and demand will adjust itself; prices will become settled, and business move onward in its accustomed channels.

Exchange has been firm during the day at 10 per cent. asking rate, to customers, and we hear of large amounts to outsiders sold as high as 11. The buying price is 9@9¼, and some of the banks have paid ten freely, selling at the same price to customers.

Gold buying, 9@9¼; selling, 10 per cent. premium, and firm. Little wanted.

THE CALL TO BE EXTENDED.—We are credibly informed that the Bank Commissioners will extend the call on the Illinois Banks to 60 and probably 90 days from the present time. The proposal is received with satisfaction in business circles, for it is thought by that time the stocks will so have risen as to meet the deficiency of the call and render it unnecessary. In any event it is believed that if any of the banks must then be wound up, it can be done without loss to the public. The expectation that nearly two millions of bonds were to be thrown upon the New York market from the winding up of our Illinois banks has kept prices down. A knowledge there that the call has been extended, authorized to allow the political excitement to settle, it is urged will have a favorable effect upon their value.

As a corollary to all this we say again, hold on to your rejected Illinois currency.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

The following are the closing rates of F. Granger Adams, Esq., No. 66 Clark street, editor of the Chicago *Bank Note List*, for currency, exchange, &c.:

	Buying.	Selling.
	Prem.	Prem.
New York Exchange	9	10
New York, solvent banks,	8	9
New England, "	4	5
New Jersey "	4	5
Pennsylvania "	4	5
Maryland "	4	5
Ohio, Ky., & In. "	4	7
Mich. & Canada, "	4	7
Indiana State "	5	7
Iowa "	5	7
Missouri "	par	par
Free Indiana "	5	6
Gold	9	10

UNCURRENT MONEY.

Solvent Banks.	Dis.
Discredited Illinois	5
Virginia	2
Tennessee	2
North Carolina	2
South Carolina	2

ST. LOUIS.—The *Democrat* of yesterday reports:

An extraordinary scarcity of sight exchange on the market, and an impossibility with the merchants in the community to obtain it, even when their funds we have in circulation. With gold it can be obtained on New York at ¼ per cent premium, and on New Orleans at 1 per cent or something less in round lots. But gold is impossible to be had, as high as 1 per cent premium is offered for it to-day in bankable funds, the full range offered being 8 and 10 per cent. The nominal rate for sight on New York is 10 per cent. prem. in bankable funds, though 13 and even 15 per cent has been paid. On New Orleans it is not to be had except for gold. Of course it must rush from the South and East. Of such rates as these above, Illinois and Wisconsin currency was at about 1¼ dis. buying, and ¾ and 1 dis. selling, with only a moderate supply.

CINCINNATI.—The *Gazette* of yesterday says:

Rates of interest range all the way from 1 to 3 ½ cent a month. Good paper is obtainable at 1¼@2 ½ cent.

New York exchange was easier on Saturday, and buying rates were in some cases lower, but sales were chiefly at former rates. Some of the house did not buy at over ¼ but others paid 1. The offerings of commercial drafts were light on the basis of a decided being foreshadowed, dealers aim to keep a wide margin between buying and selling rates. Philadelphia was steady at ¼ dis. buying and par selling. Baltimore was slightly better than on Friday, and sales were comparatively small, as moderate supply at 1¼@2 prem. New Orleans sight being scarce, what little was to be had on Saturday brought 1 prem. Dealers would not pay over par.

Illinois and Wisconsin currency is quoted at ½ @ cent discount; Iowa and Missouri at 10@12.

BANK STATEMENT.—The movement of the banks in the four principal cities of the Union, in which weekly reports are made, as shown by their last statements, is as follows:

	Loans.	Deposits.	Specie.
N. York, Dec. 8	$182,106,183	$64,303,249	$16,893,743
Boston, Dec. 10	49,070,655	17,176,778	8,532,671
Philadel. Dec. 10	37,087,382	15,172,847	3,557,967
N. Orl'ns, Dec. 8	39,246,038	15,807,615	11,013,155
Total	$309,421,191	130,121,626	$38,563,961
Last week	310,104,393	128,682,838	36,055,227
Last year	231,371,340	127,736,443	40,129,924

NEW YORK.—*The Tribune* of Saturday says:

The improved feeling in the open money market continues, although it is not yet very marked. Paper has better currency, and transactions are made in some cases at improved rates. Call loans remain unchanged, are, for strictly "gilt-edged," 3 @ cent. better than they were at the worst. On demand the supply of money is abundant at 7 @ cent., and on some transactions at 6 @ cent. The domestic exchanges were irregular and below par at Monday's quotations. On Philadelphia, the rate to-day is to-day is ¼@¾ per cent.; on Baltimore, ¾@¼ per cent. Exchange on Boston is firm, and considerably sold at par. Treasury notes are heavy, and go at ¾@¼ @ cent. discount for 1860 and 1861 issues. Those over due continue to be sent to Washington for redemption. Specie is still moving to some extent Southward, and the Bank of England, and within two or three days about $100,000. Meantime, one lot of $80,000 has been received from the South, and several smaller parcels from the West. The Missouri and Illinois interest money is yet to come forward in good quantity, and they would get by establishing this line he proposed. What would they gain by refusal? Nothing but all the fatal consequences of division. In view of these mighty consequences and great events, is it not better to settle it on the Missouri Compromise line? The people were satisfied with that for thirty years, and would be satisfied with it again. It was his settled conviction that unless something is done, we would be separated and divided people in less than six months. Is not this the cheapest price to pay for union? Some people were not afraid, but as sure as they stood there, disunion would follow unless something was done, and he feared it would swallow old Kentucky, as true State as ever stable in the Union. He thought the North ought to be satisfied, the South has only one-third the territory. When we come to make a peace offering do we measure carefully and count every cent? It is a glorious sacrifice of party to save the Union, a Union which had cost much sacrifice.

Washington said Providence had saved them. Is this great work to be dashed in pieces? The present trouble was the result of a long controversy, and we have come to the point where the preservation of the country demands the sacrifice of party.

The highest duty of the Senate is to preserve the Constitution and the Government and hand it down to posterity. We are in a position where history will record our actions; when we saw discord and danger we allowed a bitter party spirit, and our great country was ruined; and to the great amazement of all the world degraded Republics has fallen, and our names go down with a stigma upon them. He wished to God it was in his power to save the Union by giving up his private opinions. He would freely do it.

Is the South bent on revolution? He did not believe in such madness. He could speak for his native State. South Carolina will not be satisfied with this remedy and stand by the Union, and die by it.

He closed with a strong appeal to save the honor of the flag, and expressed the hope that such would be the case. He then offered the following resolution:

WIGFALL.—Alarming dissensions have arisen between the Northern and Southern States as to the rights of the common territory of the United States. In order to allay these storms and proper that the dissensions be settled by Constitutional provisions which give equal justice to all sections, and thereby restore peace, therefore,

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, That the following article be proposed and submitted as an amendment to the Constitution when ratified by the Conventions of three-fourths of the States.

First.—In all the Territories now or hereafter acquired North of latitude 36 degree 30 minutes, slavery or involuntary servitude, except for the punishment of crime, is prohibited. And in all the Territories South of said line slavery is hereby recognized as existing, and shall not be interfered with by Congress, but the people of each Territory shall be protected by all departments of the Territorial Government during its continuance. All the territory North or South of said line, within such boundaries as Congress may prescribe, when it contains a population necessary for a member of Congress, with a Republican form of Government, shall be admitted into the Union on an equality with the original States, with or without slavery, as the Constitution of the State shall prescribe.

Second.—Congress shall have no power to abolish slavery in the States permitting slavery.

Third.—Congress shall have no power to abolish in the District of Columbia, while it exists in Virginia and Maryland, or either, nor shall Congress at any time prohibit the officers or agents of Government employed in the service whose duties require them to live in the District of Columbia, bringing slaves there, and holding them as such.

Fourth.—Congress shall have no power to hinder the transportation of slaves from one State to another, whether by land, navigable rivers or seas.

Fifth.—Congress shall have by law to pay an owner who shall apply, the full value for a fugitive slave in all cases in which the owner is prevented from discharging his duty by force or rescue made after arrest; in all such cases the county in which the violence or rescue was made, and the county shall have the right to sue the individuals who committed the wrong, in the same manner in which the owner could sue.

No future amendment or amendments shall affect the preceding articles, nor Congress shall never have power to interfere with slavery within the States where it is now permitted.

The last resolution declares that the Southern States have a right to the faithful execution of the law for the recovery of slaves, and such laws ought to be repealed or modified so as to impair their efficiency. All laws in conflict with the Fugitive Slave Law it shall not be deemed improper for Congress to act like respect to the Fugitive Slave Law. Congress to be so altered as to make the fee of the Commissioner equal whether he decide for or against the claimant; and the duties requiring the person holding the warrant to summon a *posse constitutus*, to be so amended as to restrict it to cases where violence or resistance is attempted. The laws for the suppression of the African Slave Trade ought to be effectually executed.

The bill for the admission of KANSAS, on motion of Mr. Green, was made the special order for Monday next.

Mr. Powell's resolution was taken up, and after the discussion of points of order—

Mr. Johnson of Tennessee yielded the floor to Mr. Hale. Mr. Hale said he simply rose to say that whatever he thought of the practicability of the resolutions of the Senator from Kentucky, he had no doubt of the purity of his motives and integrity, and the disinterested fervor of his patriotism. But the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Benjamin) asked what was meant by the amendment of the Senator from New York, (Mr. King) and he now rose to ask for information. He had listened to the long and able, but erratic, speech of the Senator from Texas, (Mr. Wigfall) who seemed explicit in his demands, but the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. Crittenden) seemed on entirely different sect of politics. The demands put forth to-day were entirely different from those of the honorable Senator from Texas. His desire was to know which represented the demands to be made on our people. He wanted to know if the Senator from Kentucky represented the people or simply the effusion of his own patriotic heart. If the people are ready to compromise upon the basis of New York, he really would like to know which of these two gentlemen represents the state of feeling in the South?

Mr. Benjamin said he was a Union man, and his State was for the Union. He was prepared to accept the proposition of the Senator from Kentucky. He said the Senator from New Hampshire if he was willing to do so and to urge the people to accept?

Mr. Hale—Not in the full extent though he liked many things. He had listened to the denunciation of a geographical line so long that he could almost become a convert. He would wait for some assurance that the line would be kept. He did not believe the remedy lay in new provisions, but in the prompt and faithful execution of things already in the bond. He was willing to look the thing all over. He had no doubt his State would accept any thing fair and just. He would not pledge for his people. He thought they had given the pledge of fidelity and would give it still. He thought the gentleman too prone to throw the blame on the Republican party and make that the package of all evils, present and future. He feared they would be under the ban where he had been so publicly disfranchised as to be unworthy to be on the committees. He supposed his speech would be called inflammatory, but the question would not be settled here, but would be settled by the voice of public opinion of all Christendom. He refused to call Toombs when Webster said if delivered to the Emperor of Russia he should stand at the bar to plead like a criminal before public opinion. We are making history, but let the future be the judgment of public opinion, which would be mightier than fleets and armies.

Mr. Crittenden's resolutions were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson of Tennessee suggested that the resolution of Mr. Powell for the committee of thirteen be adopted, that they might go to work too make an effort to save the country.

Mr. Powell's resolution was adopted, and the President authorized to form the committee.

Mr. Crittenden's resolution was referred to the committee.

Mr. Johnson of Tennessee referred to his resolutions and argued in favor of a different mode of electing the President, but he should not now discuss the resolutions. He thought it devolved on every man to come forward and make an effort to save the country. He did not differ much from his Southern friends, except as to the mode of redress. He was opposed to secession, and would fight for the rights of the South in the Union and upon the battlements of the Constitution. He was a compromising man, or a conservative man, and would not demand anything but what was right. He should act on the basis of the resolution passed by a large body of the people of Tennessee. Many believed that a State had the right to secede, and the belief was based on the resolutions of 1798. Let us examine these resolutions:

Mr. Johnson here read from letters of Mr. Madison to show that the Government was formed as a sacred compact; that a State has no right to secede, and that the only way for her to go out of the Union is by revolution. If the doctrine of secession is true, Congress have no government at all. The Government has no right to coerce a State, but has the right to enforce its laws against individuals in a State.

He believed that the Personal Liberty bills of the North were unconstitutional and revolutionary, but this was no reason why the South should follow in revolutionary acts. He (Johnson) was in the Union and meant to stay in the Union. He was not to be driven out by any act, but meant to fight in it. Suppose that a slave should go to Vermont, and on his arrest there, a mob should rescue him, that would be an act of nullification and rebellion, which should be put down by the Government?

Mr. Collamer said that as his State was referred to he would like to correct a wrong impression. Gentlemen seemed to think that all the laws of the North in relation to slaves were specially enacted against the fugitive slave law. Now the personal liberty law of Vermont was adopted six years before the passage of the fugitive slave law of 1850. There are two modes of recovering a slave. One is by taking him, just as you would any other stolen property, and bringing a suit all trench. This gives no protection against kidnappers. The laws of the North were generally made in regard to this mode, and not specially against the slave law at all. The people of the free States never held the doctrine that a State could nullify as act of Congress. He (Collamer) was not supposing that the North was unfair or unsensible.

Mr. Johnson—Did not Vermont pass a law to prohibit a State officer from acting? And he would ask the Senator if he thought it unconstitutional?

Mr. Collamer said that it was in the history of the transaction, that at the time of the adoption of the law, the Supreme Court had passed a law deciding that colored men had no rights under law which white men were bound to respect.

Mr. Benjamin asked if the Supreme Court ever decided that?

Mr. Collamer said it had, in his opinion. The people of Vermont never intended to pass an unconstitutional law.

The Senate here, on motion of Mr. Bragg, adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Mr. Washburn of Maine, informing him that he has placed the hands of the Governor of that State his resignation as Representative, to take effect on the first of January.

Mr. Stevens of Washington Territory introduced a resolution authorizing a special enactment so as to enable the Secretary of the Interior to decide on the validity of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company; also a resolution having in view the employment of a war steamer on Columbia River. The former was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, the latter to that on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Moore from New Mexico introduced a resolution recognizing the co-operation of the volunteers with the regular forces of that Territory, and proposing an appropriation to pay them.

Mr. McClernand of Illinois rose to a personal explanation. Some friend of his had forwarded to the *Illinois State Journal* of the 12th inst., published in Springfield, where Mr. Lincoln and himself reside. That paper is edited by one of the reporters specially of humanity named Baker—a nephew of the President elect.

Mr. Lovejoy said he rejected the point of order that this was not a privileged question, and in this he was sustained by the Speaker—who said that it had been decided heretofore that newspaper articles could be received and read. Mr. Ely offered a bill amendatory of the Pacific Telegraph Act.

Mr. Crawford called up the resolution he introduced, ["Here insert this morning's New York papers" Mr. Crawford's resolution.]

[We haven't got "this morning's" New York papers.—TRIB.]

Mr. Sherman moved to lay the subject on the table, in view to proceed to other business, as its consideration would probably consume the whole day. He was perfectly willing that the House should be taken up the resolution on Monday.

The House refused to lay the resolution on the table—59 against 81.

Mr. Sherman changed from yes to nay merely for the purpose of moving a reconsideration of the vote.

Mr. Stevenson moved to lay this motion on the table.

Mr. Sherman was willing to withdraw his motion were it understood that such a direct vote shall be taken on the resolution.

Mr. Stevenson's motion was disagreed to—87 against 91.

After other proceedings the resolution was tabled—88 against 81.

The Pacific Railroad bill was taken up.

Mr. Branch raised the point that the first consideration must be in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, in examining matter in the nature of a money appropriation. His objection was sustained.

The Speaker decided that the 13th section of the bill provides for bonds to be issued to the amount of 20 millions of dollars, payable at the Treasury, and redeemable in thirty years. This was certainly an appropriation; therefore, the bill must go to the Committee of the Whole.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole. Considerable time was consumed in separately voting upon amendments to bills which preceded the Pacific Railroad bill on the calendar, the opponents of this bill refusing to take it up immediately and independent of the others.

Mr. Moore moved that Mr. Magrath's resolution be made the order for to-morrow

After which the several committees were requested to remain, and the Committee adjourned at 3 o'clock precisely.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Illinois House delegation had a meeting to-night. Lovejoy and Morris were absent. A resolution was agreed on informally that the Union must and shall be preserved. A full meeting was expected, including the Senators, that the resolution may be formally and unanimously adopted.

The New Hampshire delegation have unanimously resolved that the true course is the protection of the public property and the enforcement of the revenue laws in all harsh.

South Carolina Commissioners, headed by Keitt, are expected on Thursday, to negotiate with the Government for Forts Moultrie and Sumpter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Secretary of the Treasury has advertised for proposals until the 28th inst. for the issue of $5,000,000 in Treasury Notes, pursuant to the act just passed.

It is reliably ascertained that Secretary Thompson, of Mississippi, and Governor Adams, of South Carolina are to be the only representative from Mississippi, is to procure her co-operation with all the Southern States in the event that Lincoln's Administration shall act in a manner to endanger their rights, whatever may be his individual opinion on the subject of secession.

From Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Finances are generally depressed in Maryland. Owens, the largest shipping house in Baltimore, suspended payment to-day, caused by the decline in coffee, sugar and molasses, an immense amount of which they had on hand. Their liabilities are said to be nearly a million of dollars, and the assets nearly equal. It is hoped they may be able to resume.

Judge Handy, of Mississippi, Commissioner of Maryland, has arrived to confer with Gov. Hicks.

Nearly all of the leading merchants and business men of Baltimore, to-day signed a petition, requesting Gov. Hicks immediately to call an extra session of the Maryland Legislature, to consider upon the crisis. It is believed that the Governor must respond to the appeal favorably.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House Select Committee referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the members from the border slave States, the amendment proposed to-day in the Southern side to the Fugitive Slave law.

The Democratic members of the Ohio delegation, with the exception of Vallandigham, have this morning had a meeting, and resolved upon the following:

The Convention met at 4 o'clock, P. M., at Institute Hall. About 150 members were present, and the galleries were crowded without any spectators.

Mr. Rhett's resolution that a committee be appointed to prepare an address to the people of the United States, was amended by inserting seven members, and so adopted.

Mr. Hutson offered a resolution, that standing Committees for this Convention, each consisting of seven members, be appointed as follows: *First*, Committee on Relations with the Slaveholding State of North America. *Second*, Committee on Foreign Relations. *Third*, Committee on Commercial Relations. *Fourth*, Committee on the Constitution of the State.

Mr. Richardson moved it be printed and made the order for to-morrow at one o'clock. Carried.

Mr. Magrath offered a resolution that so much of Gov. Pickens' message as relates to the United States as relates to what he designates the property of the United States in South Carolina, be referred to a committee to report. Mr. Memminger moved to lay on the table, and the latter are often so mixed up with the excitement of the Convention, that the Convention would travel in the same downward path, until too late to arrest their fatal fall. But the resolution was modified in the form of a request to the Governor of the State.

Mr. Middleton offered a resolution that it will be more difficult to get the majority of a large committee to agree than the majority of a small committee. I trust the amendment will not be agreed to.

Mr. Hudson moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Withers—Some members of this Convention are better adapted for one part than another. The agriculturists will not do to examine commercial statistics and their bearings, and vice versa. The Convention had not to consider the pulling down of one Government and the building up of another—to determine our foreign and domestic relations, and to frame anything like the Constitution of the State. Is it certain the Committee, no matter how able, can consider all and everything? I ask whether it is prudent to submit to the opinions of any one committee.

Mr. Gregg said the committees were appointed to expedite business. He saw no necessity to prevent the Convention from becoming a debating society. He advocated the amendment.

Mr. Ward moved to fill the blank with seven.

Mr. Wardlaw moved twenty-one.

Mr. Ward's motion was carried, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Maurgault offered a resolution earnestly requesting the commissioners from Alabama and Mississippi to meet the Convention of South Carolina.

Mr. Hope moved a vote of thanks to the Baptist denomination for the use of their building.

The credentials of the Commissioners were offered to be entered on the minutes.

Mr. Rhett moved to adjourn over until Monday next.

Mr. Memminger moved to fill the blank with 21.

Mr. Rhett moved to amend by inserting other names for consideration of the Convention which may be presented to the Chair.

Mr. Barnwell—The Committee will have the right to report the whole subject. Every thing should be first submitted to the Committee.

Mr. Inglis—The object will be accomplished without amendment.

Mr. Rhett—That Committee can originate anything within itself; for instance, if an address comes from any one of this body, it will have to go to that Committee.

Mr. Cheever—The great aim and object is to avoid every side of the question in which there may be a division. We have just heard this evening, that there is but a single voice in the State of South Carolina. Business is expedited by the committing ourselves to secession. Our first aim is to break the chain of the present Government.

Mr. Hayne—The proposition, as I understand it, is that a committee of twenty-one be appointed to take into consideration the various resolutions that might be introduced to the consideration of the Convention, that they should receive all such schemes from whatever quarter they may come, and that they shall have the privilege to do whatever appears to the business of the Convention, with a view of recommending to this Convention whatever action they may think proper for consideration or proposition for discussion. As to the matter simply of the secession of South Carolina from the present Government, I take it there has been sufficient expression of opinion here upon this occasion to guide that Committee. Secession is a subject upon which all agree unanimously. Let the committee be composed of great intellect.

Mr. Brady—Separate the work for separate committees. Let there be a separate committee for the consideration of the question. What is executive authority and what is citizenship? It is necessary to have the mass of the Convention actively at work. Let each committee have its peculiar province.

Mr. Calhoun—The committee itself must be invested in opinion. The Convention will have enough to do to put things in proper shape. By referring different subjects to different committees, there would be clashing.

Mr. Middleton—If there is any more difficult subject than another, it will be the subject of a large committee. Let the committee be selected with a front room and good board at reasonable terms. 2dtf11w

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